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PREFACE

During the Second World War the German Signal Intelligence Control Center of the Staff of the Chief of Army Signal Service (HNW, LNA) issued a series of reports to show the USSR military-economic situation as reflected in Russian internal plain language traffic. These reports appeared at short, irregular intervals, usually six per month, for the period October 1942-March 1943. Eighty-three of these reports have been translated and issued by [REDACTED] FOIA b3

It is planned to issue a complete set of translations of the reports beginning with the most recent and working backward, but omitting those already translated by [REDACTED] FOIA b3. The numbering of the items was added by the translator since the Germans did this only in the last eighteen reports, [REDACTED] inclusive. Since the original material was in Russian, an effort has been made when translating the German to determine the original Russian term wherever possible. This is facilitated by the Russian fondness for abbreviations. In these translations into English the probable meaning of the abbreviation will be given in parenthesis the first time it occurs in each report.

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14 August 1943

The Soviet Union

Military-Economic Report 4/8

(Based on domestic radio traffic)

Individual Messages

1. )Metal Supply

(1) Released plan figures for scrap metal deliveries and reports on unsatisfactory scrap metal deliveries:

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Place of Delivery</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
150 tons	3rd quarter	Stavropol, Plant "Kavkaz-kaya Pobeda"	Increased collection
50 tons	3rd quarter	Kirovakan, Chemical Plant	Delivered only 1 ton in July
3 tons	3rd quarter	Stavropol, Cattle Procurement	Should supply at least 2 tons in Aug.
10 tons	3rd quarter	Ilijsk, NKRF	--

(2) Plant "Generator" of the Chief Directorate for Aircraft Supply in Tiflis delivered 35 tons of scrap iron from 10 to 20 July.

(3) The copper rolling mill in Tiflis manufactured in July 48 tons of copper products, including 5 tons on 28 July and 4 tons both on 29 and 30 July. The remaining balance of unshipped products totalled 73 tons on 29 July.

(4) Stalingrad NKRF transported 18,600 tons of metal in July.

(5) Kujbyshev NKRF disposed of a zinc stock of 3.2 tons on 2 August.

(6) The Manganese Trust in Chiaturi shut down a cableway because of the lack of cable.

(7) The NKRF workshops in Alekseevka required in June for ship repairs 60 tons of iron, which have not yet arrived.

Identified authorizations and deliveries:

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I. Authorizations

	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(8)	Ulan Ude NKRF	0.2 ton	Silver graphite	---	In 3rd quarter
(9)	Chistopol NKRF	80	Cast iron	Molotov, NKRF Plant "Kujbyshev"	---
(10)	Kazan, Waterways Directorate	1	Sheet iron	---	---
(11)	Gorkij, NKRF	2	Sheet iron	Plant "Butyakov"	---
(12)	Tiflis, Trans- caucasus Railroad	60	Sheet iron	---	---
(13)	Molotov, NKRF Plant "Staryj Bur- lak"	146	Sheet metal	---	---
(14)	Derbent, "Krasnyj Metallist"	15	Roofing sheet	Bakinsk, Metal Sales	In August 1943
(15)	Baku, Harbor	3	Nails	Tiflis, Trust for Metal Products	In 3rd quarter
(16)	Ordzhonikidze, "Elektrozink"	2	Nails	Saratov	---
(17)	Ordzhonikidze, "Elektrozink"	2.5	Welding rods	Mizur	---
(18)	Kirovakan, Chemical Plant	3000 meters	Wire	Kirovakan, C.D. for Chemistry	---
(19)	Tiflis, Plant "Kirov"	60 tons	Pipe	Pervouralsk, Plant #703	---

II. Deliveries

(20)	Kazan, Copper Combine	1 car	Steel	Sverdlovsk	---
(21)	---	8 tons	Sectional iron	Tiflis, Metal Sales	From 1 to 20 July
		24	Steel sheets	Tiflis, Metal Sales	From 1 to 20 July
(22)	Kujbyshev NKRF	4	Nails	---	For 2nd quarter
(23)	Kujbyshev NKRF	1	Wire	---	For 2nd quarter

(24) The Manganese Trust in Chiaturi shipped 15,586 tons of manganese ore from 1 to 27 July, including 513 tons to Magnitogorsk. On 1 August 920 tons were shipped, including 70 tons to Magnitogorsk.

2. Oil Supply

(25) A message from Moscow to Uralsk NKRF stated: "According to an order of the Government you can procure in August and September your requirement of mazut in Gur'ev without special allotments in unlimited quantities. Use this favorable situation for a partial shipment of mazut also to Uralsk."

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The following authorizations and deliveries of oil products were identified:

I. Authorizations

	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
<u>A. Motor fuels</u>					
(26)	Dokshukino, Acetone Plant	36 tons	Oil	---	For July and August
(27)	Krasnodar, Oil Supply	33 tank cars	Motor oil	Groznyj Oil Supply	The delivery is to be carried by 25 August
	"	500 tons	Motor oil	Groznyj Oil Supply	The delivery is to be carried by 15 August.
	"	450 tank cars	Mazut	Groznyj Oil Supply	The delivery is to be carried by 25 August.
(28)	(? Georgia ?)	3000 tons	Mazut	---	Should be shipped ahead of schedule
(29)	Georgian Oil Supply	200	Diesel oil	---	Should be used from own stocks
(30)	Sanok, Combine	1.5	Petroleum	Georgian Oil Supply	Should be delivered in August
(31)	Rachensk, Combine	1.5	Petroleum	Georgian Oil Supply	Should be delivered in August
(32)	Krasnodar, C.D. of Flour Supply	2	Petroleum	---	Should be received in Aug.
(33)	Sanok, Combine	5	Gasoline	Georgian Oil Supply	Should be delivered in Aug.
(34)	Rachensk, Combine	5	Gasoline	Georgian Oil Supply	Should be delivered in Aug.
(35)	Tiflis, Georgian Canning Trust	120	Gasoline	---	For August
(36)	Ordzhonikidze, NK for Trade	4.3	Gasoline	Groznyj, Oil Sales	For August
(37)	Krasnodar, Transport Procurement	5	Gasoline	---	For August
(38)	Georgian Oil Supply	80	Gasoline	---	Should be used from own stocks
(39)	Krasnodar, C.D. of Flour Supply	1	Gasoline	---	Should be received in Aug.

B. Lubricants

(40)	Ilijsk, NKRF	1 ton	Machine oil	Alma Ata	For the 3rd quarter
(41)	Novosibirsk, NKRF	2	Machine oil	---	For the 3rd quarter
(42)	Ulan Ude, NKRF	6	Machine oil	---	For the 3rd quarter
(43)	Semipalatinsk, NKRF	7	Machine oil	---	For the 3rd quarter

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	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(44)	Irkutsk, NKRF	6.5 tons	Machine oil	---	For the 3rd quarter
(45)	Ilijsk, NKRF	0.5 ton	Motor oil	Alma Ata	"
(46)	Novosibirsk, NKRF	1.5 ton	Motor oil	---	"
(47)	Tiflis, Georgian Oil Supply	175	Motor oil	---	Should be used in August for own needs
(48)	Ulan Ude, NKRF	7	Cylinder oil	---	For the 3rd quarter
(49)	Irkutsk, NKRF	7	Cylinder oil	---	"
(50)	Ulan Ude, NKRF	0.3	Spindle oil	---	"
(51)	Semipalatinsk, NKRF	0.5	Spindle oil	---	"
(52)	Ilijsk, NKRF	0.5	Viscosine	Alma Ata	"
(53)	Novosibirsk, NKRF	1.5	Viscosine	---	"
(54)	Ulan Ude, NKRF	5	Viscosine	---	"
(55)	Irkutsk, NKRF	6	Viscosine	---	"
(56)	Semipalatinsk, NKRF	6	Viscosine	---	"
(57)	Ilijsk, NKRF	0.2	Nigrol	Alma Ata	"
(58)	Novosibirsk, NKRF	0.3	Nigrol	---	"
(59)	Ulan Ude, NKRF	2	Nigrol	---	"
(60)	Irkutsk, NKRF	2	Nigrol	---	"
(61)	Semipalatinsk, NKRF	1	Nigrol	---	"
(62)	Ilijsk, NKRF	1.4	Avtol	Alma Ata	"
(63)	Novosibirsk, NKRF	3	Avtol	---	"
(64)	Ulan Ude, NKRF	12	Avtol	---	"
(65)	Irkutsk, NKRF	14	Avtol	---	"
(66)	Semipalatinsk, NKRF	10	Avtol	---	"
(67)	Ilijsk, NKRF	0.5	Solidol	---	"
(68)	Novosibirsk, NKRF	2	Solidol	---	"
(69)	Ulan Ude, NKRF	4.5	Solidol	---	"
(70)	Irkutsk, NKRF	9	Solidol	---	"
(71)	Semipalatinsk, NKRF	10	Solidol	---	"
		0.5	Trans-former oil	---	"

## II. Deliveries

## A. Motor fuels

(72)	Magnitogorsk, Combine	17 tank cars	Mazut	Krasnovodsk, Oil Base	In July
(73)	Magnitogorsk, Construction Project	8	Mazut	"	In July
(74)	Magnitogorsk, Combine	5	Oil	"	In July
(75)	Krasnodar, NK for Procurement	57	Gasoline	---	Received in July for grain transport



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	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(76)	Magnitogorsk, Combine	5 tank cars	Machine oil	Krasnovodsk, Oil Base	Received in July
	"	1	Spindle oil	"	"
	"	2	Viscosine	"	"
(77)	Magnitogorsk, Construction Pro- curement	2 1	Viscosine Cylinder oil	"	"
(78)	Magnitogorsk, Combine	2	Cylinder oil	"	"

3.) Textile Supply, Clothing,  
Shoes

(79) The Sovkhozes of the Rostov on Don Oblast' should deliver in the course of the third quarter 33 tons of wool.

(80) Plant "Tsentrolit" in Tiflis requires for the community dwellings:

1,000 pieces	sheets
1,000	pillow cases
500	winter covers
500	summer covers
500	mattress covers
500	towels

(81) Kujbyshev NKRF requires for repair purposes 1,200 meters of light sail cloth.

Identified authorizations and deliveries:

1.) Authorizations

	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(82)	Pereslavl, NK for Fish Industry, "Krasnoe Ekho" works	500 tons	Cotton	---	In July
(83)	Kirov	1 car	Wool	---	For felt boots
(84)	Ilijsk, NKRF	10 tons	Flax fibre	Bijsk, Flax Trust	In 3rd quarter
(85)	Omsk, NKRF	80	"	---	"
(86)	Blagoveshchensk, NKRF	5	"	---	"
(87)	Irkutsk, NKRF	10	"	Novosibirsk, Flax Trust	"
(88)	Omsk, Water Transport Base	10	"	Omsk, Flax Trust	"
(89)	Semipalatinsk, NKRF	10	Oakum	Omsk	---
(90)	Stalingrad, NKRF	1 car	Cotton goods	Stalingrad, Textile Supply	For second quarter of 1943

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	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(91)	Erevan, Armenia NK for Light Indus- try	13,000 meters	Cotton goods	Erevan, Textile Supply	For second quarter of 1943
(92)	Tiflis, Georgian NK for Light Indus- try	50,000	Cotton goods	Tiflis, Textile Mill	For civilian tailors
	"	45,000	Cotton thread	"	Price 45,000 r.
		3,000	Lining material	"	---
(93)	Stalingrad, NKRF	1,500	Tarpaulin	---	Import goods
(94)	Novosibirsk, NKRF	10,000	Sail cloth	---	Import goods
(95)	Molotov, NKRF	800	"	---	---
(96)	Gorkij, NKRF	400	"	---	---
		250 pairs	Shoes	---	---
(97)	Molotov, NKRF	180	Shoes	---	---
(98)	Stalingrad, NKRF	50	Shoes	---	---
(99)	Astrakhan, NKRF	30	Shoes	---	---
(100)	Novosibirsk, NKRF	1,000	Shoes	---	---
(101)	Rostov/Don, NKRF	1,000	Shoes	---	---
(102)	Astrakhan, Fishing Economy	1,000	Rubber boots	Gorkij, River Fleet Supply	---
(103)	Astrakhan, "Volga Tanker"	1,200 pieces	Bed sheets	Moscow	----
		600	Cotton suits	Moscow	---
		150	Pillows	Moscow	---
		1,634 meters	Mattress goods	Moscow	---
		1,000 pieces	Pillow cases	Moscow	---
		200	Towels	Moscow	---
		500	Covers	Moscow	---
		3,000 meters	Wash goods	Moscow	---
		2,000 pairs	Gloves	Moscow	---

2.) Deliveries

(104)	Bronnitsy	300 tons	Wool	Batumi	---
(105)	Ordzhonikidze, Labor Reserve's Supply	2,100 pieces	Blouses	Baku, Labor Reserve's Supply	---
		1,050	Women's skirts	"	---
		1,050	Barettes	"	---
		1,600	Gymnast's clothes	"	---
		1,294	Caps	"	---
		3,200	Men's shirts & hose	"	---
		2,100	Ladies blouses	"	---
		1,000	Sheets	"	---
		2,000	Towels	"	---
		5,000	Handkerchiefs	"	---
		4,000	Pillow cases	"	---
		800	Mattress covers	"	---

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2,000 pieces	Women's shorts	Baku, Labor Reserve's Supply	---
2,000 pairs	Women's stockings	"	---
1,800	Socks	"	---
2,650	Shoes	"	---
2,600 pieces	Bathing suits	"	---
40	Pack sacks	"	---

(106) Vladimirovka NKRF has a jute stock of 180 tons.

#### 4.) Production and Construction Supplies

(107) In accordance with an order from Moscow, the leather works in Ordzhonikidze was to ship, from the second half of 1943, its entire production for requirements outside North Ossetia A.S.S.R. The oblast<sup>1</sup> Party office of North Ossetia draws attention to the fact that, because of this order, the plants of the Republic processing leather will shut down because of the lack of goods and requests for the third quarter the procurement of:

400,000 square meters	soft leather goods
200,000	half-hard leather goods
4 tons	hard leather goods for fulfilling the military and civil requirements of the scheduled plan.

(108) A message to Kujbyshev and Stalingrad NKRF stated that, from 1 to 10 August, a report is to be submitted daily on the number of small tow boats repaired for transporting bread grains.

(109) At Krasnoyarsk work is in progress for the erection of a wintering yard for the pontoons of the floating bridge at that place. For this purpose a dredge will be required to work 200 days. However, neither one of the two dredges used in dredging the waterway in the Enisej can be used for this work, since this would lead to an interruption of transport on the Enisej.

(110) The following reports concern shortages in shipbuilding yards and ship repair workshops:

In Ulan Ude the fulfillment of the plan for ship repair work is behind schedule.

In Khabarovsk, where only one 250 ton boat is under construction, the work is not progressing satisfactorily.

In Aralsk and Chardzhou preparations for ship repair work are completely snarled.

Numerous damages to ships and rafts are noted at the Kama Steamship Agency.

The repair of the damaged ships and the salvaging of the wood lost in passage are proceeding unsatisfactorily.

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The work on the dock of Morkovka (Novosibirsk Oblast') proceeds unsatisfactorily. In July according to the plan 19,240 tons of ships' space were to have been available at the dock but only 16,170 tons were uncovered.

The annual plan of the Baturino ship yard for ship construction work was fixed at 90,000 rubles.

Omsk NKRF received from Plant #340 (location unknown) a construction plan for a refrigerator ship of 1,000 tons.

The Saratov ship yard reported the condition of work on the completion of a tow boat to be 39% as of 1 August.

(111) The workshops of the Transport Procurement in Stavropol in the third quarter should complete the following auto repairs according to plan:

3 autos	"ZAS"
3	"ZIS"
4	middle-sized "ZAS"
2	middle-sized "ZIS"

(112) Stalingrad NKRF received from the beginning of August larger tonnage allotments for transporting clay bricks and tiles.

(113) In Chardzhou NKRF the construction of a house of four flats is estimated at a price of 160,000 rubles.

(114) Blagoveshchensk NKRF is to receive one car of refractory brick from the ceramics factory in Sukhoj Log in August.

(115) The Chief Directorate of Supply for Highway Administration in Erevan received 13 cars or 254 tons of cement in July.

(116) The Council of the Armenian People's Commissars in Erevan requires for its PKW 30 sets of tires of the "Vilyus" type, which should be delivered through the Iran-Soviet Transit in Dzhulfa.

(117) Following authorizations of machines, apparatus and material were identified:

18 electric motors for the West Siberian River Fleet
25 electric motors for the Krasnoyarsk NKRF
10 electric motors for the Upper Irtysh Steamship Agency
8 electric motors for the Lower Irtysh Steamship Agency

(118) Vladimirovka NKRF received from Gorkij two generators of 50 and 65 kw.

Astrakhan "Volga Tanker" is to receive 6 electric welding apparatuses.

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(119) The Upper Volga Steamship Agency in Gorkij is to receive from Kotlas 213 tons of tar for repairing grain ships.

(120) The Manganese Trust in Chiaturi shipped 28 cars of graphite to Sverdlovsk from 1 to 5 August.

(121) Newly identified plants:

"Kavkazkaya Pobeda" in Stavropol  
"Krasnyj Metallist" in Derbent  
Plant "Krasnoe Ekho" in Pereslavl (Yaroslavl Oblast')  
Starch factory in Bikbardinsk (Perm Oblast')  
NKRF Plant "Yaroslavskij" (Irkutsk Oblast')  
NKRF Shipyard in Morkovka (Novosibirsk Oblast')  
Glass plant in Dzerzhinsk  
Roofing paper plant in Murom  
Plywood plant in Murom  
Creamery in Kolpnyansk (unlocated)  
Acetone plant in Dokshukino (23 kilometers east northeast of Nalchik)

5.) Civil Air Fleet

(122) According to three NKRF messages of 5 and 6 August, cooperative work between the Air Fleet and the NKRF was identified for the first time:

By the terms of the Government's decree of 29 July the Air Fleet placed as a substitute possibility the hydroplanes of type 3-2 with full technical equipment at the disposal of:

- (1) Upper Volga Steamship Agency in Gorkij
- (2) "Volga Tanker" in Astrakhan
- (3) Kama Steamship Agency in Molotov

(123) Saratov, Stalingrad, Gorkij, Kazan, Rostov, Krasnodar, and all chiefs of air fields received from Moscow the order to submit daily to the Central Directorate for Supply in Gorkij exact reports on the stock and types of aviation gasoline.

(124) On 27 August a conference is being held in Moscow with the Chiefs of the Political Divisions of the Civil Air Fleet to discuss:

- (1) Promotion of political work in the squadrons
- (2) Situation of ideological work of the Communists and Komsomols among the enlisted men, problems of the political divisions and Party organizations.

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(125) On the basis of an order of the Chief of the Air Fleet, Tashkent informed an unknown unit of the order to furnish the Party assembly with full details on the preparations for the winter flying season.

(126) A plant in Aktyubinsk reported that it has no tools for the BMW motors (Bayer Motor Plants?) and that there was no authorization for the manufacture of such tools.

(The abbreviation BMW used in the Russian message can possibly be identified as the Bayer Motor Plants, which would justify the concept that the Russians are repairing or building BMW Motors. This supposition is therefore justified, because the Russians, as already reported many times, copied the aircraft of Type JU-52.)

(127) Cooperative work between the 4th Air Army (in the North Caucasus) and the Air Fleet was identified.

(128) Newly identified units of the Civil Air Fleet:

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Locality</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Rogoshinskij Group	---	Flies over Chimkent (112 kilometers, north-northeast of Tashkent)
Tolgow Group	(? Tashkent ?)	It is possible that the above mentioned Group does not show the size of the previously identified Groups. Since the foregoing report appears to be a training report from the Tashkent training area, this group perhaps can only be the size of a squadron. Clarification is awaited.
4th Squadron	( Sochi ?)	Presumably not identical with the 4th Squadron, subordinate to the 4th Flight Regiment
LARM 32 (flying Aviation Repair Workshop)	---	Possibility that these LARM's are subordinate to the Lasuko Battalion in Baku. Clarification is awaited
LARM 33	---	Possibility that these LARM's are subordinate to the Lasuko Battalion in Baku. Clarification is awaited
ARM 24 (Aviation Repair Workshop)	Khabarovsk	---
Yakutsk Group	Yakutsk	---
"Strela" (Covername) Unit	Irkutsk	Commander possibly SUKHORUKOV. Type of unit still undetermined.

(129) PARM (Mobile Aviation Repair Workshop) of the 4th Flight Regiment (location Khvojnaya) reported to Moscow that in the first and second ten-day periods of July four aircraft motors arrived for repair and four were repaired. The Commander of the PARM is tentatively identified as MOSKVIN.

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(130) The 4th Flight Regiment received 500,000 rubles from Moscow on 9 August.

(131) The Irkutsk-Moscow air line was mentioned for the first time.

(132) Ashkhabad reported the following shipments of sulphur:

on 5 August	18,000 kilos
on 6 August	21,200 kilos
on 7 August	26,400 kilos

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